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SOBELL

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552	9/27/50	NY SA MEMO to FILE ^{with ONE COPY}	1/1	1/1	NO	
553	9/28/50	SAC N.Y. LETTER to HQ	4		YES	Exfile 101-2483
553a	9/28/50	HQ LETTER to WFO				
553a	9/28/50	COPY TO NY	2		YES	Exfile 101-2483
554	9/28/50	CG REPORT to HQ				
554	9/28/50	COPY TO NY ^{with FOUR COPIES}	4/4	4/4	YES	Exfile 101-2483
555	9/14/50	MEXICO, D.F. REPORT to HQ	11		YES	Exfile 101-2483
556	9/28/50	HQ LETTER to SAC N.Y. ^{with ONE COPY}	1/1		YES	Exfile 101-2483
557	9/29/50	NY SA MEMO to FILE ^{with ONE COPY}	2/2	2/2	NO	
558	9/29/50	NY SA MEMO to FILE ^{with ONE COPY}	4/4	4/4	NO	
559	9/29/50	NY SA MEMO to FILE	2	2	NO	
560	9/29/50	N.Y. TELETYPE TO HQ. & WFO TYPE OUT				
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561	9/29/50	N.Y. TELETYPE TO HQ. TYPE OUT				
561	9/29/50	N.Y. TELETYPE TO HQ. TRANSMITTAL COPY	1/1		YES	Exfile 101-2483
562	9/29/50	HQ TELETYPE TO N.Y. TYPE OUT				
562	9/29/50	HQ TELETYPE TO NY ^{TRANSMITTAL COPY}	1/1		YES	Exfile 101-2483

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564	9/30/50	NFD TELETYPE TO N.Y. TYPE OUT. WFO TELETYPE TO N.Y.	1/1	1/1	NO	
565	9/30/50	N.Y. TELETYPE TO CG. TYPE OUT. N.Y. TELETYPE TO CG. TRANSMITTAL COPY	1/1	1/1	NO	
566	9/30/50	HQ LETTER TO N.Y. ^{with one copy}	1/1		YES	Subfile 101-2483
567	10/2/50	NY TELETYPE TO HQ TYPE OUT NY TELETYPE TO HQ TRAN. COPY	1		YES	Subfile 101-2483
567a	10/2/50	NY SA MEMO TO FILE CAPTIONED MAX ELITCHER HELENE ELITCHER	3	3	NO	
568	10/2/50	NY REPORT TO HQ CAPTIONED MAX ELITCHER HELENE ELITCHER	66		YES	Subfile 101-2415
569	10/2/50	HQ LETTER TO CG ^{with one copy} COPY TO N.Y.	1/1	1/1	YES	Subfile 101-2483
570	10/2/50	NH REPORT TO HQ COPY TO N.Y. ^{with one copy}	5/5		YES	Subfile 101-2483
571	10/3/50	NH LETTER TO HQ COPY TO NY ^{with one copy}	1/1		YES	Subfile 101-2483
572	10/3/50	NY SA MEMO TO FILE ^{with one copy} NY TELETYPE TO HQ & NK TRANSMITTAL COPY	1/1	1/1	NO	
573	10/3/50	NY TELETYPE TO HQ & NK ^{with one copy}	1/1		YES	Subfile 101-2483

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577	10/4/50	HQ LETTER TO AL	1	1	YES	Bufile 101-2483
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579	10/4/50	SA NY MEMO TO FILE WITH ONE COPY	3	3	NO	
580	10/4/50	SA NY MEMO TO FILE WITH ONE COPY	4	4	NO	
581	10/4/50	PH TELETYPE TO NY	1	1	NO	
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589	10/4/50	NY TELETYPE TO HQ TRANSMITTAL COPY	1	1	YES	Bufile 101-2482
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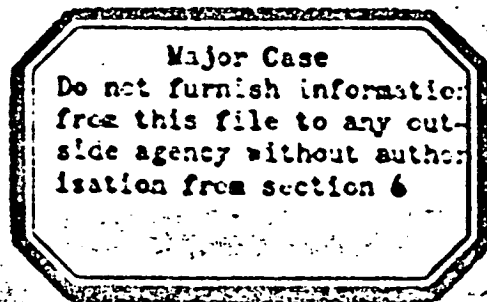
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588	10/4/50	FBI LAB. REPORT to NY ^{with one copy}	1/1		YES	Subfile 101-2483
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593	10/5/50	OM LETTER to NY ^{with one copy}	3/3	3/3	NO	
594	10/5/50	EP REPORT to HQ COPY to NY ^{with 9 copies}	10/10	10/10	YES	Subfile 101-2483

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New York, New York
September 27, 1950

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RE: MORTON SOBELL
ESPIONAGE - R

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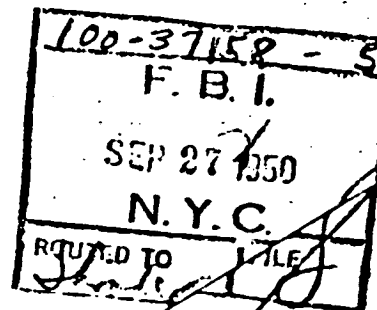
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New York, New York
September 29, 1950

MEMO

RE: MORTON SOBELL
ESPIONAGE - R

[REDACTED] Mortgage Department, County Trust Company, Tarrytown Branch, Tarrytown, New York, produced the mortgage file on applicant which reflected the following information: *BTD*

The house was originally built by Roszbach Homes, Inc., with a building mortgage from this bank. SOBELL bought the house from Roszbach and entered into mortgage agreement with the bank. The County Trust Company accepted the original mortgage from SOBELL and subsequently "sold" the mortgage to the Washington Heights Federal and Loan, which bank holds the mortgage now, although the County Trust is "servicing agent" for the Washington Heights bank.

SOBELL purchased the house on January 30, 1948 (closing date) at a price of \$13,500. He put up \$4,500 and took a \$9,000 loan for a 20-year period at 4½% interest. His attorney in connection with the closing, and also believed to handle the insurance of the house for SOBELL, is HYMAN LEHON, 170 Broadway, New York City.

SOBELL makes a monthly payment of \$79.28 (this might vary slightly, according to the taxes etc). He has made 31 such monthly payments and the mortgage has been reduced to \$8,239.17, which is the present balance.

At the time of the purchase, SOBELL indicated his salary was \$7,500 per year (REEVES COMPANY). He indicated that he had an account at the Manufacturers Trust Company, 8th Street and Third Avenue and had assets of \$1,000 there. He also indicated that he had assets of \$1,000, Post Office, Schnectady, New York, (this possibly postal savings). He likewise indicated assets of \$2,000 in United States Bonds. This made a total of \$4,500 in assets. SOBELL had put \$500 as contractual agreement binder and when went through this added to part of the down payment. He indicated that he had no liabilities at the time. He further stated that he had previously lived with his parents.

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He stated that his annual Federal and State Income Tax amounted to \$1,100. His application form indicated that he had no life insurance.

There was no sample of typing in the file which emanated from subject. It might be noted that subject's monthly payments are paid up to and including September, 1950.

Period, 9/22/50.

THOMAS P. LYNCH, SA

New York, New York
September 29, 1950

MEMO

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ESPIONAGE - R

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*Secretly had outstanding till 9/27/50.
Bonds held - covered serial 67*

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One such address contained the name and telephone number of the Blackstone Washer Service, 216 West 14th Street, New York City, and also at the same address the name of the Gross Distributors, Inc. The name of the Blackstone Washer Service was followed by the name Mr. RAY WARNKEN. Mr. RAY WARNKEN of the Blackstone Washer Service advised that the Gross Distributing Company operates the Blackstone Washer Service. He stated that from a check of the records this Company had serviced a Blackstone washing machine sold by J. EIS, 105 First Avenue, NYC, on 9/21/48. This machine had been sold to SOBELL, 164-17 73rd Avenue, but the records indicated that it may have been installed at the home of one ELITCHER, 164-18 72nd Avenue. The records also indicated that some trouble had come up over this matter and that it had been claimed that the machine was owned by both SOBELL and ELITCHER and used by both their families.

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Refer memorandum sets forth that amongst the telephone numbers found on the pad of the subject was the telephone number of the Associated Optometrists, 255 West 34th Street. The writer determined from observation that the above Company operates a retail optometry shop at the above address.

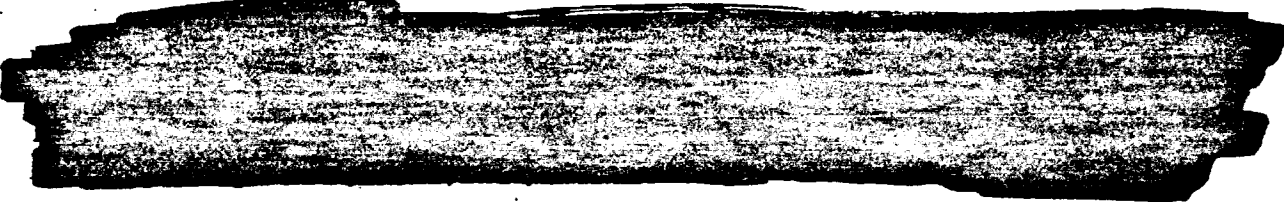
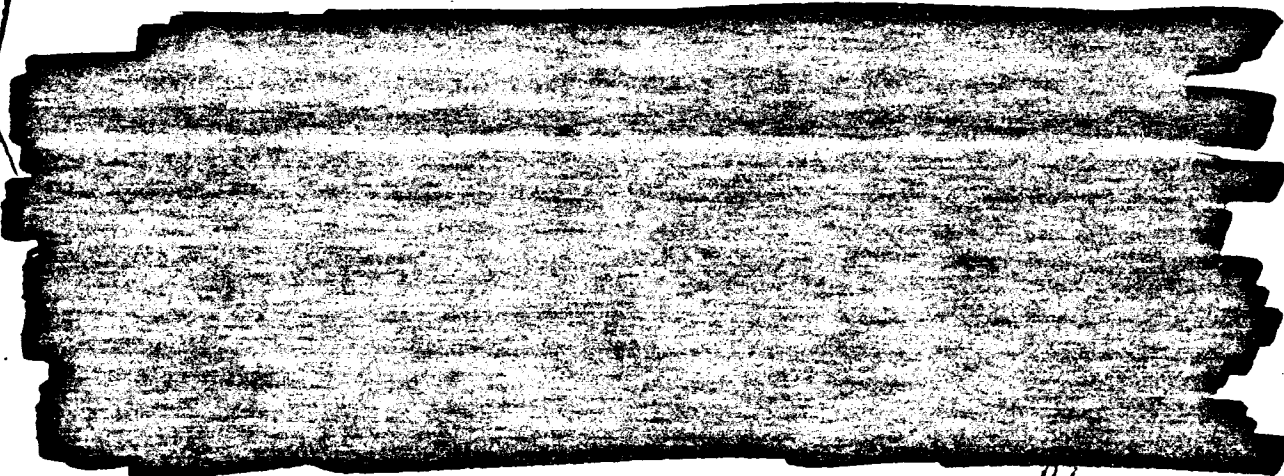
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Its advertisements indicated that it specialized in filling eyeglass perscriptions at low cost. It was not believed that inquiry at this Company would be either productive or feasible. Reference memorandum sets forth that amongst the telephone numbers and names of companies found on the subject's telephone pad, there was included the following: Ketay Manufacturing Company, B. LEVINE and BENDETTE.

At the Ketay Manufacturing Company, 555 Broadway, NYC, the writer interviewed Mr. BERNARD LEVINE, Chief Engineer. LEVINE stated that his Company had been engaged in the production of synchro transformers and transmitters which were supplied to the Reeves Instrument Company for use by the latter in its development of gunfire control apparatus. In that connection, Mr. LEVINE stated, that, he himself, Mr. KETAY and Mr. RAYMOND BENDETTE had all conferred on several occasions with SOBELL. Mr. LEVINE added that frequently SOBELL would call them or they would call SOBELL in an attempt to get assistance on a minor technical problem on which one or the other might be faced. According to LEVINE, SOBELL actually had access to a great deal more classified information than did any of the officials at Ketay. Mr. RAY BENDETTE is now employed by the Arma Corporation, NYC.

Mr. LEVINE stated that in the course of his dealings with SOBELL he probably had either personally or by telephone conferred with SOBELL on 15 to 20 occasions. In none of these instances had he ever observed any undue curiosity on the part of SOBELL.



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Parenthetically, it is to be observed for future use in any future investigations at the Ketay Company, that both Mr. LEVINE (who has no middle initial or name) and Mr. BORIS SMOLNAR, Plant Superintendent at Ketay, were extremely cooperative. It was further observed that LEVINE exhibited definite antipathy toward Communism and the Communist Party.

John M. O'Mara, S.A.

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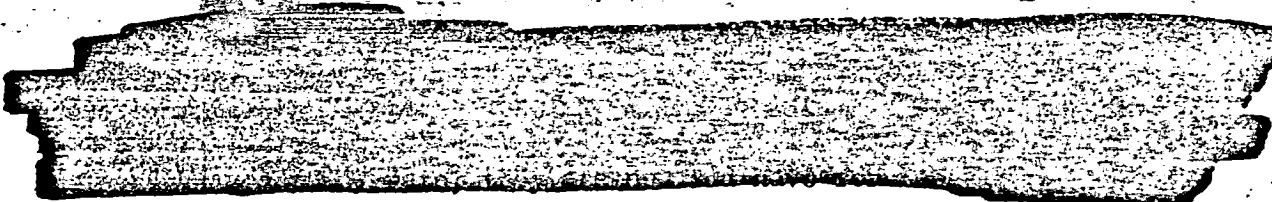
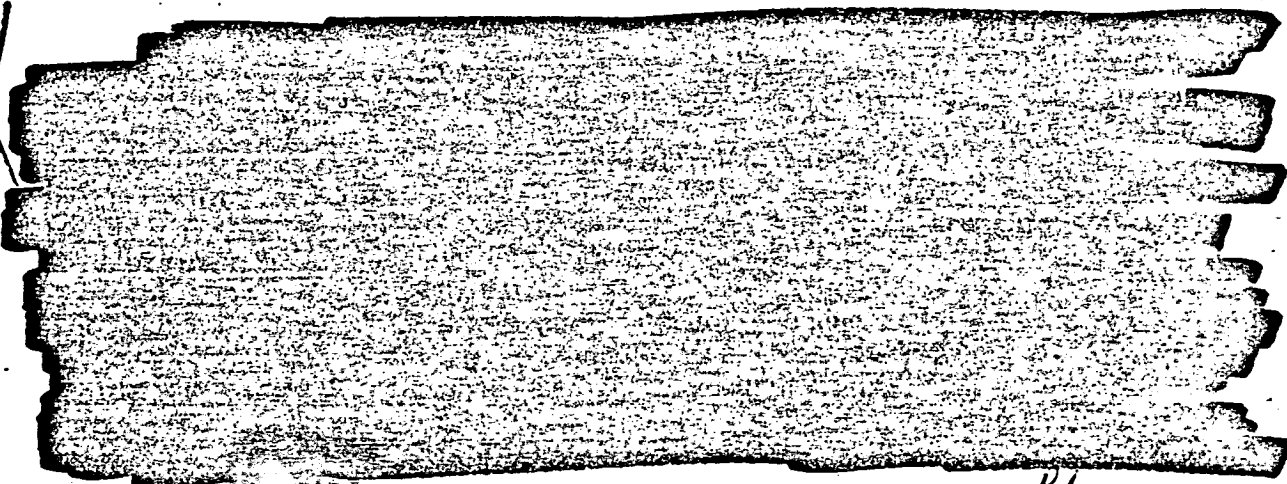
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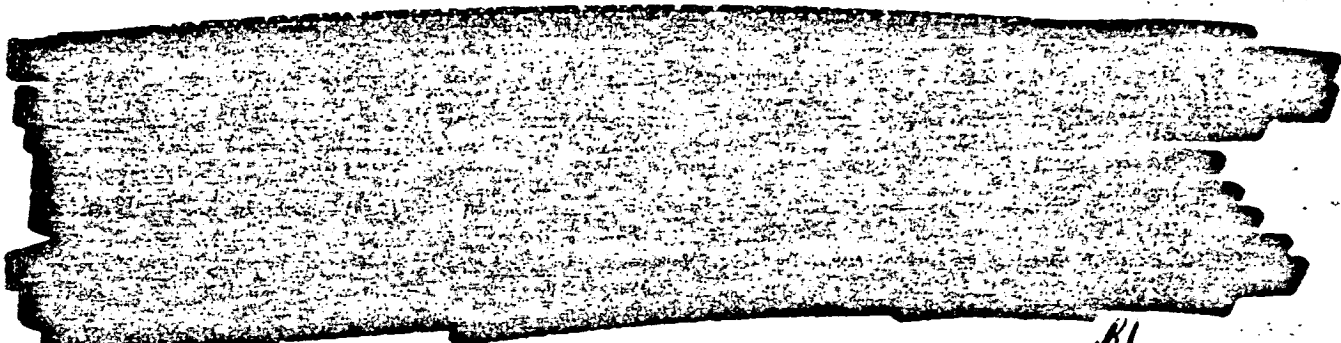
Its advertisements indicated that it specialized in filling eyeglass perscriptions at low cost. It was not believed that inquiry at this Company would be either productive or feasible. Reference memorandum sets forth that amongst the telephone numbers and names of companies found on the subject's telephone pad, there was included the following: Ketay Manufacturing Company, B. LEVINE and BENDETTE.

At the Ketay Manufacturing Company, 555 Broadway, NYC, the writer interviewed Mr. BERNARD LEVINE, Chief Engineer. LEVINE stated that his Company had been engaged in the production of synchro transformers and transmitters which were supplied to the Recves Instrument Company for use by the latter in its development of gunfire control apparatus. In that connection, Mr. LEVINE stated, that, he himself, Mr. KETAY and Mr. RAYMOND BENDETTE had all conferred on several occasions with SOBELL. Mr. LEVINE added that frequently SOBELL would call them or they would call SOBELL in an attempt to get assistance on a minor technical problem on which one or the other might be faced. According to LEVINE, SOBELL actually had access to a great deal more classified information than did any of the officials at Ketay. Mr. RAY BENDETTE is now employed by the Arma Corporation, NYC.

Mr. LEVINE stated that in the course of his dealings with SOBELL he probably had either personally or by telephone conferred with SOBELL on 15 to 20 occasions. In none of these instances had he ever observed any undue curiosity on the part of SOBELL.



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Parenthetically, it is to be observed for future use in any future investigations at the Ketay Company, that both Mr. LEVINE (who has no middle initial or name) and Mr. BORIS SHOLNAR, Plant Superintendent at Ketay, were extremely cooperative. It was further observed that LEVINE exhibited definite antipathy toward Communism and the Communist Party.

John M. O'Mara, S.A.

New York, New York
September 29, 1950

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Re: MORTON SOBELL, was.
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Reference is made to Butel to New York dated September 18, 1950, 5:55 p.m., and Butel to New York dated September 21, 1950, 8:35 p.m.

The following investigation was conducted on September 25-26, 1950, by the writer:

PHILIP DEUTCHMAN, E. LEITZ COMPANY, 304 Hudson Street, advised that the records of his company contained no information regarding the 135 mm. Elmar 3.5 lens, number 156569, referred to in Butel of September 21, as being in SOBELL'S possession when he was picked up at Mexico City. DEUTCHMAN advised that from the serial number, he was able to determine that this lens is quite an old one. In view of his previous statements concerning the age of the Leica Camera which SOBELL had in his possession, it is probable that this lens was the original one sold with the camera.

Mr. DEUTCHMAN determined that the 127 mm. Wollensak F 4.5 lens, number 458601, referred to in the Butel of the 18th, as having been in SOBELL'S possession, was sold by E. LEITZ COMPANY to the PROJECT PHOTO CORPORATION, 104 Fourth Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, on January 16, 1946.

HARRY ROSNER, PROJECT PHOTO CORPORATION, 104 Fourth Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, advised that the store records of serialized items sold in the store were not begun until some time subsequent to the above-mentioned date. However, he advised that HARRY BELOCK of REEVES INSTRUMENT COMPANY had been a regular customer in the store and that he had purchased quite a number of pieces of Leica equipment from the PROJECT PHOTO CORPORATION.

It will be recalled that Mr. BELOCK previously advised that he had sold a lens to SOBELL; however, in telling of this Mr. BELOCK referred to the lens as a 137 mm lens.

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Mr. HARRY BELOCK, RFEVES INSTRUMENT COMPANY, was again contacted and he advised that he was quite sure the 127 mm Wollensak lens in SOBELL'S possession was the one sold by him to SOBELL.

He recalled that he had purchased the lens which he had sold to SOBELL from the PROJECT PHOTO CORPORATION. He advised he would check an insurance policy which he had on his photographic equipment and would determine the number of the lens sold to SOBELL. However, he later advised he was unable to locate this number.

During the writer's conversation with BELOCK he commented that SOBELL was a very ardent camera enthusiast. He mentioned that the Leica Camera that SOBELL had was probably purchased by him while he was employed at General Electric. He also recalled that SOBELL had purchased a 50 mm. Summitar F 2 lens in a damaged condition and had it repaired for use on his Leica. This is undoubtedly the Summitar lens which SOBELL had in his possession at the time he was arrested. BELOCK added that from his conversations with SOBELL he had learned that the subject had a rather well equipped photographic dark room and that he had a Leitz enlarger.

The writer contacted Miss FURCHAK, PAILLARD PRODUCTS COMPANY, 265 Madison Avenue, New York City, who checked her records in an effort to obtain further information regarding the Bolex L 8 motion picture, number 68722. She advised that the PAILLARD COMPANY has no record of this camera; however, she stated that the Bolex Cameras were formerly distributed in New York by the DIRECTOR PRODUCTS COMPANY, now located at 521 Fifth Avenue, New York City. She advised that this company had been formerly known as AMERICAN BOLEX COMPANY, and had been split into two companies, the PAILLARD PRODUCTS and DIRECTOR PRODUCTS CO., and that records regarding the sales of Bolex Cameras prior to the re-organization were in the possession of the DIRECTOR PRODUCTS COMPANY.

She advised that the proper person to contact at Director Products was a Mr. CAMERON.

Mr. JACK GOTTLIEB, Controller, PEERLESS CAMERA STORES, INC., 44th Street and Lexington Avenue, New York City, advised that Rolex L 8 Motion Picture Camera number 68722 had been sold by PEERLESS on October 18, 1949, to M. SOBELL, Flushing, New York, for \$98.05. He stated that this transaction was recorded on sales slip 21707 and that the price indicated above was that generally given when a trade-in was made. However, from the data appearing on the sales slip number 21709, GOTTLIEB advised that the so-called trade-in was undoubtedly fictitious and that actually this was a discount price. The sales slip further indicated that SOBELL had paid for the camera in full by check.

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NEW YORK, N.Y.
SEPT. 30, 1950

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NEW YORK, NEW YORK
OCTOBER 2, 1950

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RE: MAX ELITCHER,
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On September 28, 1950, Mrs. HELENE ELITCHER contacted the writer by telephone, at which time she furnished the following information:

She stated that after her transfer from the Navy Cell of the Communist Party in Washington, D.C., she renewed her Communist Party activity in the housewife's group. She indicated that in about 1947 she was chairlady of the Communist Party group of which she was a member. One of her functions as chairlady was to collect dues from the other members of the cell and turn it over to a contact of Communist Party Headquarters in Washington, D.C.

Mrs. ELITCHER stated that at the time she held the position of chairlady in this cell, her contact was one BEA KAHN. She advised that for the most part she contacts Mrs. KAHN at the KAHN home in Virginia. Mrs. ELITCHER could not recall the address off hand. At such meetings she would give the dues payments to Mrs. KAHN, who in turn, would give her verbal educational reports from the Communist Party which Mrs. ELITCHER would then pass along to the other members of her cell. She stated that these educational reports formed the basis of discussions within the cell by the members.

Mrs. ELITCHER stated that Mrs. KAHN had two children at that time and said she had heard that Mrs. KAHN had had a third child since 1947. As noted before, Mrs. KAHN was supposed to have resided in Virginia, but her address is not known. She was a housewife. Mrs. ELITCHER'S impression of the impression that her husband's name was ROBERT, and added that she believed ROBERT KAHN was employed by the government, however, she did not know the agency for which she worked. Mrs. ELITCHER

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stated that the last information she had regarding the KAHNS was to the effect that they were living in Ann Arbor, Michigan. She also pointed out that she had no information as to what Mrs. KAHN did with the dues payments she collected and did not know whom Mrs. KAHN was contacting in Communist Party Headquarters in Washington.

Mrs. ELITCHER stated that after considerable thought, she recalled that the following individuals were members of the housewives' group in Washington, to which she belonged during 1947: ESTELLE HERSKOVITZ, ESTHER SUROVELL, ETHEL WEITCHBROD, SYLVIA BEITSCHER, RAY GINZBERG, or ROSELYN BORSKY, possibly GINZBURG, ADELLE VEKLER, SALLY BALICK, ANITA WEISS, (ORSLYN BORSKY), ROSE ROTHSCHILD or ROTHCHILD, BEA (Mrs. ELITCHER could not recall the last name of this individual at the present time.)

The Informant further advised that the addresses of the above mentioned individuals were not known to her at the present time and she added that she would have considerable difficulty trying to recall whether each of them lived in Washington at the time of their membership in the housewives' cell of the Communist Party in 1947. She pointed out, however, that she believed most of their names appeared in her two address books which were taken from her home by agents of this office on July 20, 1950, pursuant to a waiver of search. Accordingly, these books will be reviewed in an effort to ascertain the Washington addresses of the above individuals. *WHERE*

With respect to MORTON SOBELL, Mrs. ELITCHER advised that ARTHUR and RUTH BARI were very close friends of the SOBELL'S in Washington and she pointed out that the BARIS had visited the SOBELL'S at the home of Mrs. SOBELL, 600 Trinity Avenue, Bronx, New York, within the past three years. Mrs. ELITCHER said that ARTHUR BARI was a jeweler and was reputed to be a very brilliant man. His wife, RUTH, had some affiliation with JOHN HOPKINS University in Baltimore, Maryland, but she did not know whether Mrs. BARI was attending the University or possibly teaching there. *Hand*

At any rate, Mrs. ELITCHER advised that she and her husband, MAX, during one of their trips to New York, visited MORTON SOBELL and HELEN SOBELL at the home of Mrs. SOBELL in the Bronx, New York, and on the occasion of that visit, met the SOBELL'S, who were also visiting at the same time. Mrs. ELITCHER stated that this took place after SOBELL had returned to New York from Schenectady and after he had already started to work for the Reeves Instrument Corporation at 215 East 91st Street, New York City.

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Mrs. ELITCHER also recalled that another close friend of MORTON SOBELL was one BEN ZUCKERMAN, who she said resided in Red Bank, New Jersey. Mrs. ELITCHER recalled that MORTON SOBELL had asked at one time for suggestions as to an appropriate household gift for ZUCKERMAN, stating that he felt indebted to ZUCKERMAN since he had stayed at the ZUCKERMAN home in New Jersey on several occasions. Mrs. ELITCHER stated that it was her understanding that SOBELL had gone to Red Bank, New Jersey, on business quite often and invariably would stay at ZUCKERMAN'S house.

Mrs. ELITCHER also advised that one AARON NOVIKOFF, owner of the Ansen Hardware Company, Flushing, New York, was a friend of MORTON SOBELL. She stated that NOVIKOFF knew both SOBELL and her husband, MAX, and also knew BEN ZUCKERMAN. She recalled that she had been in the hardware store one day at which time she met BEN ZUCKERMAN there. Mrs. ELITCHER did not know what the relationship was, if any, between NOVIKOFF, ZUCKERMAN and SOBELL, but she pointed out that NOVIKOFF very recently had closed up his hardware company and had gone out of business. She indicated further that she knew nothing about NOVIKOFF because of the fact that he told her on one occasion that he resided in Brooklyn, New York.

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MEMO

RE: MORTON SOBELL
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Mrs Helen MacLean, 165 Roosevelt, Long Beach, N.Y. advised she has been at this address since November, 1949. She pointed out this residence rents rooms in the summer. She thought some one by the name of Fox had lived here but could furnish no information in regard them. She stated that Mrs. Jos. Scarenzi, 83 Marlborough, Rockville Center, N.Y. is the owner of this building.

It is suggested that the records of City College be rechecked in regard Fox.

Photos mentioned in referenced memo are attached.

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It is suggested that the records of City College be rechecked in regard Fox.

Photos mentioned in referenced memo are attached.

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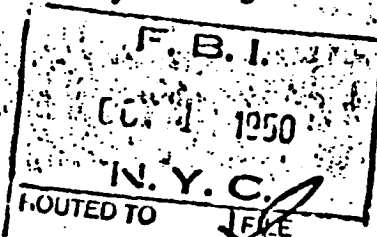
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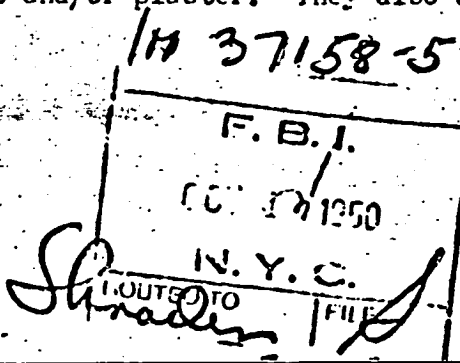
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MORTON SOBELL, ESP-R. RENVLET SEPTEMBER NINETEEN PAST. FRANCIS E. WYETH, ENGINEER, LEEDS AND NORTHRUP CO., INC. INTERVIEWED TODAY. WYETH STATES HE NEVER MET SOBELL ON PERSONAL BASIS AND HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF ACTIVITIES OF SOBELL. WYETH AS TECHNICAL REPRESENTATIVE OF LEEDS AND NORTHRUP, CALLED AT REEVES INSTRUMENT IN CONNECTION WITH L AND N CO. BUSINESS. WYETH STATED HE ADDRESSED GROUP AT REEVES IN LATE SUMMER OR EARLY FALL OF FORTY SIX. SOBELL MAY HAVE BEEN IN THIS GROUP. WYETH ALSO SAID ON ONE OTHER OCCASION POSSIBLY IN LATE FORTY SIX OR EARLY FORTY SEVEN HE CALLED AT REEVES INSTRUMENT ON BUSINESS. HE WAS REFERRED TO SOBELL BY CHIEF ENGINEER OF REEVES INST. WYETH SAID HE AND SOBELL MAY HAVE DISCUSSED PLOTTING BOARDS AND X AND Y COORDINATES INVOLVED THEREON. THIS DISCUSSION DEALT WITH TRAJECTORIES. WYETH SAID HE HAD NO SUBSEQUENT CONTACTS WITH SOBELL.

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FROM : SAC, Omaha

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